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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Christopher W. Widenhouse et al. :
Serial No.: 10/820,139 : Art Unit: 1762
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For: METHOD FOR THE SURFACE MODIFICATION : Examiner: Erma C. Cameron
OF SILICONE SURFACES

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Letter dated September 15, 2005, Please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant(s) elect the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I., namely, claims 1-4.

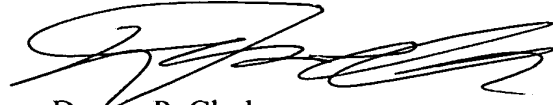
In response to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect as follows:

| <u>ELECTED</u> | <u>Claims Readable Thereon</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A) N-vinylpyrrolidone | Claims 1-17 |
| B) polydimethylsiloxane | Claims 1-17 |
| C) alkali metal hydroxides | Claims 1-17 |
| D) sodium hydroxide | Claims 1-17 |
| E) gamma beam | Claims 1-17 |
| F) therapeutic agent | Claims 1-12 and 14-17 |
| G) intraocular lens | Claims 1-17 |

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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